

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Previously Presented) An apparatus comprising:
a first processor and a second processor each having a scoreboard and a decoder;
a plurality of memory devices coupled to the first processor and the second processor;
a first buffer coupled to the first processor and the second processor, the first buffer
being a register buffer and is operable to transfer register values from the
second processor to the first processor;
a second buffer coupled to the first processor and the second processor, the second
buffer being a trace buffer; and
a plurality of memory instruction buffers coupled to the first processor and the second
processor;
wherein the first processor and the second processor perform single threaded
applications using multithreading resources, and the first processor executes a
single threaded application ahead of the second processor executing said single
threaded application to avoid misprediction, said single threaded application is
not converted to an explicit multiple-thread application, said single threaded
application contains the same number of instructions when executed on said
first processor and said second processor, and the single threaded application
executed on the second processor avoids branch mispredictions from
information received from said first processor.
2. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the memory devices
comprise a plurality of cache devices.

3. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the first processor is coupled to at least one of a plurality of zero level (L0) data cache devices and at least one of a plurality of L0 instruction cache devices, and the second processor is coupled to at least one of the plurality of L0 data cache devices and at least one of the plurality of L0 instruction cache devices.
4. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 3, wherein each of the plurality of L0 data cache devices store exact copies of store instruction data.
5. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the plurality of memory instruction buffers includes at least one store forwarding buffer and at least one ~~load-ordering~~ load-ordering buffer.
6. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 5, wherein the at least one store forwarding buffer ~~comprising~~ comprises a structure having a plurality of entries, each of the plurality of entries having a tag portion, a validity portion, a data portion, a store instruction identification (ID) portion, and a thread ID portion.
7. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 6, wherein the at least one load ordering buffer ~~comprising~~ comprises a structure having a plurality of entries, each of the plurality of entries having a tag portion, an entry validity portion, a load identification (ID) portion, and a load thread ID portion.
- 8 (Canceled)
9. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the trace buffer is a circular buffer.

10. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the register buffer ~~comprising~~
comprises an integer register buffer and a predicate register buffer.

11. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:
executing a plurality of instructions in a single thread by a first processor;
executing said plurality of instructions in the single thread by a second processor as
directed by the first processor, the second processor executing said plurality of
instructions ahead of the first processor to avoid misprediction;
tracking at least one register that is one of loaded from a register file buffer[,]] and
written by said second processor, said tracking executed by said second
processor,
transmitting control flow information from the second processor to the first processor,
the first processor avoiding branch prediction by receiving the control flow
information;
transmitting results from the second processor to the first processor, the first processor
avoiding executing a portion of instructions by committing the results of the
portion of instructions into a register file from a first buffer, the first buffer
being a trace buffer, and
clearing a store validity bit and setting a mispredicted bit in a load entry in the first
buffer if a replayed store instruction has a matching store identification (ID)
portion in a second buffer, the second buffer being a load buffer,
wherein the first processor and the second processor execute single threaded
applications using multithreading resources, said single thread is not converted
to an explicit multiple-thread application, said single thread contains the same
number of instructions when executed on said first processor and said second
processor, and the single thread executed on the second processor avoids
branch mispredictions using information received from said first processor.

12. (Canceled)
13. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 11, further including:
duplicating memory information in separate memory devices for independent
access by the first processor and the second processor.
14. (Canceled)
15. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 11, further including:
setting a store validity bit if a store instruction that is not replayed matches a store
identification (ID) portion in a load buffer.
16. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 11, further including:
flushing a pipeline, setting a mispredicted bit in a load entry in the trace buffer and
restarting a load instruction if one of the load is not replayed and does not
match a tag portion in a load buffer, and the load instruction matches the tag
portion in the load buffer while a store valid bit is not set.
17. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 11, further including:
executing a replay mode at a first instruction of a speculative thread.
18. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 11, further including:
supplying names from the trace buffer to preclude register renaming;
issuing all instructions up to a next replayed instruction including dependent
instructions;
issuing instructions that are not replayed as no-operation (NOPs) instructions;

issuing all load instructions and store instructions to memory;
committing non-replayed instructions from the trace buffer to the register file.

19. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 11, further including:
clearing a valid bit in an entry in a load buffer if the load entry is retired.

20. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising a machine-readable storage medium containing instructions which, when executed by a machine, cause the machine to perform operations comprising:

executing a single thread by a first processor;

executing said single thread ~~[[from]]~~by a second processor as directed by the first processor, the second processor executing instructions ahead of the first processor to avoid misprediction;

~~tracking at least one register that is one of loaded from a first buffer, and written by said second processor, said tracking executed by said second processor, the first buffer being a register file buffer, and~~

~~-clearing a store validity bit and setting a mispredicted bit in a load entry in a second buffer if a replayed store instruction has a matching store identification (ID) portion, the second buffer being a trace buffer;~~

tracking at least one register that is one of loaded from a register file buffer and written by said second processor, said tracking executed by said second processor;

transmitting results from the second processor to the first processor, the first processor avoiding executing a portion of instructions by committing the results of the portion of instructions into a register file from a first buffer, the first buffer being a trace buffer; and

clearing a store validity bit and setting a mispredicted bit in a load entry in the first buffer if a replayed store instruction has a matching store identification (ID) portion in a second buffer, the second buffer being a load buffer,

wherein the first processor and the second processor execute single threaded applications using multithreading resources, said single thread is not converted to an explicit multiple-thread application, said single thread contains the same number of instructions when executed on said first processor and said second processor, and said single thread executed on the second processor avoids branch mispredictions using information received from said first processor.

21. (Original) The apparatus of claim 20, further containing instructions which, when executed by a machine, cause the machine to perform operations including:
- transmitting control flow information from the second processor to the first processor, the first processor avoiding branch prediction by receiving the control flow information.
22. (Original) The apparatus of claim 21, further containing instructions which, when executed by a machine, cause the machine to perform operations including:
- duplicating memory information in separate memory devices for independent access by the first processor and the second processor.
23. (Canceled)
24. (Original) The apparatus of claim 21, further containing instructions which, when executed by a machine, cause the machine to perform operations including:
- setting a store validity bit if a store instruction that is not replayed matches a store identification (ID) portion.

25. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 21, further containing instructions which, when executed by a machine, cause the machine to perform operations including:

flushing a pipeline, setting a mispredicted bit in a load entry in the ~~second-trace~~ buffer and restarting a load instruction if one of the load is not replayed and does not match a tag portion in a load buffer, and the load instruction matches the tag portion in the load buffer while a store valid bit is not set.

26. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 21, further containing instructions which, when executed by a machine, cause the machine to perform operations including:

executing a replay mode at a first instruction of a speculative thread;
terminating the replay mode and the execution of the speculative thread if a partition in the ~~second-trace~~ buffer is approaching an empty state.

27. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 21, further containing instructions which, when executed by a machine, cause the machine to perform operations including:

supplying names from the ~~second-trace~~ buffer to preclude register renaming;
issuing all instructions up to a next replayed instruction including dependent instructions;
issuing instructions that are not replayed as no-operation (NOPs) instructions;
issuing all load instructions and store instructions to memory;
committing non-replayed instructions from the ~~second-trace~~ buffer to a register file.

28. (Original) The apparatus of claim 21, further containing instructions which, when executed by a machine, cause the machine to perform operations including:

clearing a valid bit in an entry in a load buffer if the load entry is retired.

29. (Currently Amended) A system comprising:

- a first processor and a second processor each having a scoreboard and a decoder;
- a bus coupled to the first processor and the second processor;
- a main memory coupled to the bus;
- a plurality of local memory devices coupled to the first processor and the second processor;
- a first buffer coupled to the first processor and the second processor, the first buffer being a register buffer and is operable to transfer register values from the second processor to the first processor;
- a second buffer coupled to the first processor and the second processor, the second buffer being a trace buffer; and
- a plurality of memory instruction buffers coupled to the first processor and the second processor,

wherein the first processor and the second processor perform single threaded applications using multithreading resources, the ~~first-second~~ processor executes a single threaded application ahead of the ~~second-first~~ processor executing said single threaded application to avoid misprediction, ~~said single thread is not converted to an explicit multiple thread application, said single threaded application contains the same number of instructions when executed on said first processor and said second processor, and said single threaded application executed on the second processor avoids branch mispredictions using information received from said first processor wherein the first processor avoid executing a portion of instructions by committing results of a portion of the plurality of instructions into a register file from the second buffer.~~

30. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 29, wherein the local memory devices comprise a plurality of cache devices.

31. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 30, wherein the first processor is coupled to at least one of a plurality of zero level (L0) data cache devices and at least one of a plurality of L0 instruction cache devices, and the second processor is coupled to at least one of the plurality of L0 data cache devices and at least one of the plurality of L0 instruction cache devices.

32. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 31, wherein each of the plurality of L0 data cache devices store exact copies of store instruction data.

33. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 31, wherein the first processor and the second processor each ~~sharing~~ share a first level (L1) cache device and a second level (L2) cache device.

34. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 29, wherein the plurality of memory instruction buffers includes at least one store forwarding buffer and at least one ~~load-ordering~~ load-ordering buffer.

35. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 34, wherein the at least one store forwarding buffer ~~including~~ includes a structure having a plurality of entries, each of the plurality of entries having a tag portion, a validity portion, a data portion, a store instruction identification (ID) portion, and a thread ID portion.

36. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 29, wherein the second processor is operable to commit results in one commit cycle based at least on the information received from the first processor.

37. (New) An apparatus comprising:
- a first processor and a second processor each having a scoreboard and a decoder;
 - a plurality of memory devices coupled to the first processor and the second processor;
 - a first buffer coupled to the first processor and the second processor, the first buffer being a register buffer and is operable to transfer register values from the first processor to the second processor;
 - a second buffer coupled to the first processor and the second processor, the second buffer being a trace buffer; and
 - a plurality of memory instruction buffers coupled to the first processor and the second processor;
- wherein the first processor and the second processor execute single threaded applications using multithreading resources, and the second processor is operable to execute a single threaded application ahead of the first processor executing said single threaded application to avoid misprediction, wherein the first processor avoids executing a portion of instructions by committing results of the portion of the instructions into a register file from the second buffer.
38. (New) The apparatus of claim 37, wherein the memory devices comprise a plurality of cache devices.
39. (New) The apparatus of claim 37, wherein the first processor is coupled to at least one of a plurality of zero level (L0) data cache devices and at least one of a plurality of L0 instruction cache devices, and the second processor is coupled to at least one of the plurality of L0 data cache devices and at least one of the plurality of L0 instruction cache devices.
40. (New) The apparatus of claim 37, wherein each of the plurality of L0 data cache devices store exact copies of store instruction data.

41. (New) The apparatus of claim 37, wherein the plurality of memory instruction buffers includes at least one store forwarding buffer and at least one load-ordering buffer.

42. (New) The apparatus of claim 37, wherein the at least one store forwarding buffer comprises a structure having a plurality of entries, each of the plurality of entries having a tag portion, a validity portion, a data portion, a store instruction identification (ID) portion, and a thread ID portion.

43. (New) The apparatus of claim 37, wherein the at least one load ordering buffer comprises a structure having a plurality of entries, each of the plurality of entries having a tag portion, an entry validity portion, a load identification (ID) portion, and a load thread ID portion.

44. (New) The apparatus of claim 37, wherein the register buffer comprises an integer register buffer and a predicate register buffer.